(b) whether a new autonomous body called the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan is proposed to be set up; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMNET (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new autonomous body called Nehru Yuva Kendra Sngathan has already been set up.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

The Government have set-up a Central Autonomous Organisation called Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan under the Society's Riegstration Act of 1860 for management and administration of the Nehru Yuva Kendras with the objective of evolving a suitable mechanism to supervise, administer, monitor and evaluate the programmes of the Nehru Yuva Kendras. It will, inter-alia manage and administer the existing Kendras, establish new ones, involve youth in constructive programmes of leadership training, cultural activities, sports activities, character building self-help programmes etc. function as coordinating agency to link the youth with various department|agencies of the Government administering developmental programmes, advise and provide new opportunities for youth and to advise the Government on all matters relating to youh activities in general, etc.

The Sangathan Society|Board of Governors comprise of the following:

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(i) Minister of State in-charge of Youth Affairs and Sports	—	*Chairperson (ex-officio)*
(ii) & (iii) Two Members of Parliament, Lok Sabha nominated by the Government		*Members*
(iv) One Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha nominated by the Government	.	*Member*
(v) One person eminent in the field of Culture.	—	*Member*
(vi) Director-General of the Sangathan	—	*Member-Secretary (ex-officio)*

Apart from the ongoing programmes the Sangathan is working out new programmes to be undertaken by the Nehru Yuva Kendras.

Legislation to curb Smoking

*54. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a Central legislation to curb smoking in view of its bad effect on health; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be enacted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposed statutory measures include:—

(1) Extension of the existing statutory warning to other tobacco products also viz. bidis, tobacco used for chewing, pipe tobacco, cigars, tobacco-based Pan Masala|Gutka tobacco based tooth powder|tooth paste etc.

(2) Use of other telling slogans in addition to the existing statutory warning 'Smoking is injurious to health' on all varieties of tobacco products and wherever possible, in the containers and packages, where such tobacco products are packed.

(3) Use of universally known danger singal like 'Crossed Bone and Scull' on every cigarette packet, carton and advertisement and on the container and advertisement of every tobacco product.

(4) Printing of the statutory warning in two languages, viz. English and Hindi or the Regional language at the point of sale.

(5) Control in the advertisement and publicity of smoking and use of tobacco products.

Contract awarded to RITES for maintenance of Railway line in Iraq

*55. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) Limited has been awarded a contract for the maintenance of the high speed railway line in Iraq; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd, (RITES), have been awarded a contract for operation and maintenance of the newly constructed Baghdad-Al-Qaim-Akashat high speed railway line in Iraq, covering 514 route kms. The contract value is Rs. 182 crores.

Flight from Dibrugarh to Delhi

*56 SHRI NAGEN SAIKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a flight from Delhi to Dibrugarh;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) whether there is any connecting flight from Guwahati to Dibrugarh for the Delhi passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is at present no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to the shortage of B-737 operating aircraft capacity, it is not possible for the present to provide connections both ways to Delhi/Dibrugarh passengers at Guwahati. However, in the current schedule, a one way connection has been provided which is as follows:

IC-202 (B-737)	(D) Dibrugarh	0825	(A) Guwahati	0910 Daily
IC-490 (B-737)	(D) Guwahati	1315	(A) Delhi	1710 Daily

Accidents involving Indian Airlines Planes

57. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that minor accidents involving aircraft of Indian Airlines have increased during the last one year;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of accidents involving Indian Airlines planes reported during the last six months; and

(d) what are the reasons to which these accidents are attributable; and whether any enquiry has been conducted in each of the accidents and if so, what are the details of the enquiry?